

unsatisfactory state of the ferries at Vettukadavu and Moozhikal kadavu, in Chalakkudi, Meloor and Pariyaram villages;

(b) is not the level of the river 20—30 feet below the level of the road;

(c) is it not quite necessary that steps should be constructed at these ferries;

(d) are not these two ferries crossed by a large number of people daily;

(e) have the Government made an estimate of the number of people who have fallen at these two ferries and broken their collar bones, on account of the way being very slippery during winter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) Yes.

(b) The level of the water in the river is 10 to 15 ft. below the level of the road.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) No accident of the kind has been brought to the notice of Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—(c) Has the Government made any inquiry as to the desirability?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—No specific inquiry has been made except the inquiry of the Tahsildar after the question was received.

House site for Valans.

22. Mr. M. A. Sankunni (*Nominated*).—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any petition from any Valan of the State requesting for house-site; if so, who are they?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—As the Hon'ble Member has not specified the period in regard to which the required information relates, it is not possible to answer the question.

Nurses—Medical Department—restriction re: marriage.

23. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—